

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully submits this Preliminary Amendment. This Application is a Continuation Application from Applicant's patent application bearing Serial No. 09/594,528, filed on 14 June 2000, which is a Continuation-in-Part of Applicant's application bearing Serial No. 09/054,905, filed on 3 April 1998, now U. S. Patent No. 6,101,791.

It is noted that Patent Application Serial No. 09/594,528 has been issued a Notice of Allowance. The Formal Drawings were filed in said case on 5 February 2004, and the Issue Fee is due on or before **17 March 2004**.

Applicant herein submits eleven (11) new claims. Additionally, please note that Applicant has canceled Claims 1 through 19 without prejudice nor disclaimer as to the subject matter contained therein.

In conclusion, Applicant respectfully submits that presently pending claims, namely claims 20 through 30 are allowable over the prior art. If it would aid in the disposition of this matter, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned. Allowance of these claims at an early date is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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